GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF COLD STORAGE
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of vegetables and fruits perish for want of food processing industries and cold storage; and

(b) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard during last three years and the achievements thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a): In 1995, Government of India constituted a Working Group on Post Harvest Management, Marketing & Exports.This Group estimated that post-harvest losses in different crops range from 8 to 37%. These losses occur during different stages after harvest.

(b): In order to facilitate overall growth of food processing industries and thereby reduce the wastage of vegetables and fruits, the Department of Food Processing Industries, under its plan schemes, have provided financial assistance of Rs. 26.59 crores during the last three years for setting up, expansion and modernization of food processing industries including cold storages. Besides, other agencies like National Horticulture Board, Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority, National Co-operative Development Corporation also provide assistance under their respective schemes.